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QM PRESIDENT MACHEL MARKED ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH SPEECHES TO A CROWD OF SOME 50,000 AT MACHAVA STADIUM AND TO OFFICERS AND CADETS OF THE CENTER FOR POLITICAL/MILITARY PREPARATION AT BOANE. MACHEL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY VISITING DIGNITARIES ARISTIDES PEREIRA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF PAIGC AND PRESIDENT OF CAPE VERDE; FRANCISCO MENDES, PRIME MINISTER OF GUINEA-BISSAU; AMELIA ARAUJO OF THE ARMED FORCES OF GUINEA-BISSAU; AND ABDOULAYE DIALLO, GUINEAN MINISTER OF LABOR REPRESENTING PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE.

2. MACHEL'S MACHAVA SPEECH WAS DISORGANIZED, RAMBLING AND HAD COMPARATIVELY LITTLE TO DO WITH ANGOLA. HE ADDRESSED TWO THEMES: THE "ENEMY WITHIN" AND, ALMOST INCIDENTALLY SUPPORT FOR MPLA. MOST WAS DEVOTED TO INTERNAL ENEMY, DESCRIBED VARIOUSLY AS "EX-PIDISTAS, CAPITALISTS, RUMOR-MONGERS, INDISCIPLINED PEOPLE, AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM, PROSTITUTES, DRUG ADDICTS, ALCOHOLICS, COLONIALISTS HIDING UNDER THE FACADE OF REVOLUTIONARIES". HE REPEATEDLY ADMONISHED CROWD TO "DENOUNCE THEM, NEUTRALIZE THEM, ANNIHILATE THEM". MACHEL HIT AT THOSE WHO SPREAD RUMORS, TALK AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, COMPLAIN ABOUT SCHOOLS OR HOSPITALS, ABOUT MINISTERS HAVING NICE CARS AND CLOTHES, ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT, OR GOSSIP ON PUBLIC BUSES.

3. ON ANGOLA, MACHEL SAID "THE CADAVER OF PORTUGUESE IMPERIALISM FINALLY DIED...BUT IMPERIALISM REMAINS". HE HAD A FEW HARSH WORDS FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, CALLING SMITH A "VAGABOND, A TYRAMT, A TERRORIST". FINALLY, HE REQUESTED AN IMMEDIATE COLLECTION FOR ANGOLA'S "HUNGRY MASSES", HAT WAS IMMEDIATELY PASSED, AND 35 THOUSAND ESCUDOS (\$1400) COLLECTED.

4. FOLLOWING THIS EACH VISITING VIP SAID A FEW WORDS IN SUPPORT OF MPLA. ONLY ITEM OF NOTE WAS ABDOULAYE DIALLO'S STATEMENT, WHICH INCLUDED "ZIONISM" AMONG LIST OF ENEMIES.

5. MACHEL'S SPEECH AT BOANE DEALT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH ANGOLA. HE EXPLAINED THAT IMPERIALISTS REMAIN IN ANGOLA BECAUSE IT IS VITAL TO THEIR STRATEGY OF PROTECTING IMPERIALIST O AND RACIST DASTIONS OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA AND THEIR OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA. ALSO, PART OF IMPERIALIST STRATEGY IS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO ENCIRCLE MOZAMBIQUE. FOR THIS REASON, "ANGOLA'S STRUGGLE IS OUR STRUGGLE", AND "IT IS NECESSARY TO ONCE AGAIN TAKE UP ARMS,...TO MAKE THE HIGHEST SACRIFICES, SO THAT THE CONTINENT LIBERATES ITSELF COMPLETELY FROM COLONIALISM, CAPITALISM, AND IMPERIALISM." MACHEL BITTERLY ATTACKED THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, STATPNG "WE ARE NOT SURPRISED AT THE ATTITUDE OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT...IT HELPS US TO REVIEW THE TYPE OF RELATIONS WE WILL HAVE WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, FOR WE

CONSIDER (THEIR ACTION IN ANGOLA) A BETRAYAL OF THE SPIRIT OF THE ALVOR AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS SIGNED WITH THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA".

6. ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY WAS OTHERWISE QUIETER THAN ANTICIPATED.

7. COMMENT: MACHEL'S UNEXPECTED CALL FOR "ANNIHILATION" OF THE INTERNAL ENEMY CERTAINLY SUGGESTS INTENSIFICATION OF "VIGILANCE" CAMPAIGN WITH POSSIBILITY THAT PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY WILL NOT BE EXEMPT AS HERETOFORE. FURTHER, HIS HARSH REMARKS ABOUT PORTUGAL COULD PRESAGE A CHILLING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN GPRMHAND GOP. HIS CALL AT BOANE FOR THE "HIGHEST SACRIFICE" AND TO "TAKE UP ARMS" SUGGESTS HE IS SOLICITING ARMY VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE IN ANGOLA, AND WOULD SEEM TO CONFIRM RUMORS WE HAVE HEARD TO EFFECT VOLUNTEERS ARE IN FACT BEING RECRUITED.

WHILE HE DID NOT MENTION, OR OPENLY ALLUDE TO ZAIRE OR THE U.S., OF INTEREST WAS HIS ALLUSION TO IMPERIALIST STRATEGY OF PROJECTING SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE EARLIER NOV 11, TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR SPECULATED THAT INTEREST OF WESTERN POWERS IN ANGOLA MIGHT DERIVE FROM THEIR NEWLY PERCEIVED NEED TO PRESERVE STATUS QUO IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA BECAUSE OF INCREASED STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF SOUTH AFRICA NOW THAT MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA ARE INDEPENDENT. I SAID I COULD NOT SPEAK FOR ALL WESTERN POWERS, BUT THAT U.S. INTERESTS IN ANGOLA HAD BEEN CLEARLY STATED BY SECRETARY AS RECENTLY AS NOV 10. I SHOWED HIM SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT FROM STATE 265886. TAMZANIAN RETURNED IT POLITELY BUT DID NOT SEEM CONVINCED.

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